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The Honorable David Obey
Chairman
House Appropriations Committee
H-218, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Jerry Lewis
Ranking Member
House Appropriations Committee
1016 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chairman Obey and Ranking Member Lewis:

I am requesting funding in the FY 2010 Transportation, Housing and Urban Development and Related Agencies Appropriations bill, FRA Rail Line Relocation and Improvement Account for rail realignment. The entity to receive funding for this project is the City of Renton, located at 1055 South Grady Way, Renton, WA 98055. The funding would be used to construct a new railroad embankment and realign the railroad tracks to run immediately adjacent to existing tracks. I certify that neither I nor my spouse has any financial interest in this project.

I hereby certify that this request will be made publicly available on my Official Website as required by Chairman Obey's new Committee policy that only posted requests will be considered.

Consistent with the Republican Conference's policy on project requests, I hereby certify that to the best of my knowledge this request: (1) is not directed to an entity or program that will be named after a sitting Member of Congress; (2) is not intended to be used by an entity to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the earmark; and (3) meets or exceeds all statutory requirements for matching funds where applicable. I further certify that should this request be included in the bill, I will place a statement in the Congressional Record describing how the funds will be spent and justifying the use of federal taxpayer funds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "D. Reichert".

DAVID G. REICHERT
Member of Congress



OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

PROJECT REQUEST CERTIFICATION

By submitting this request for federal funding, I certify that:

- This project directly benefits the residents of Washington's Eighth Congressional District and merits federal funding assistance.
- None of the funds requested will be used for a new building, program, or project named after a sitting Member of Congress.
- None of the funds requested will be used to secure funds for other entities unless the use of funding is consistent with the specified purpose of the project request.
- For requests where the receiving entity is not a unit of federal, state, or local government, or where the entity receiving the funding will not be providing support to a federal, state, or local government, or will not be providing research, the organization will provide matching funds, including in-kind contributions of 5% or more above the statutory requirement.
- For requests from non-federal, -state, or -local government entities or other public institutions, the organization will submit an End User Letter(s) of Support from a public official representing the direct beneficiaries of the project. This will be inserted into the Congressional Record and disclosed on the Member's Congressional Website.
- Under separate cover, I agree to provide a comprehensive plan outlining the sources of funding for the duration of the project; the percent and source of required matching funds, anticipated sources of the funding for the duration of the project, and a detailed budget for how federal funding assistance will be used to support the project.
- In the interest of transparency, any information submitted with this project request may be disclosed for public review, including but not limited to the Committee or Member's Congressional Website and the Congressional Record.
- Should the project receive federal funding, I agree to disclose whether I hired a lobby firm; if so, the name of the lobby firm; and how much was paid to advocate for this project.

**PROJECT NAME: SW 27th Street/Strander Project Rail Realignment Phase
Renton/Tukwila, WA**

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Suzanne Dale Estey

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Suzanne Dale Estey

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Renton

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 1055 South Grady Way Renton 98057

SIGNATURE: Suzanne Dale Estey DATE: 3/27/09

**OFFICE OF CONGRESSMAN DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)****CONGRESSIONAL SITE VISIT CERTIFICATION**

In the interests of accountability and transparency, we require that either the Congressman or a member of the Congressman's professional staff visit each project site requesting federal funding. This will enable our office to more thoroughly assess the merits of each project and ensure that limited taxpayer funds are invested wisely.

Upon completion of the congressional site visit, please complete this form and have a representative from the organization (not a representative from a lobbying firm) sign it. The Congressional Staff Member visiting the site will be responsible for collecting the form at the time of the visit.

I hereby certify that on _____, 2009 Congressman Dave Reichert/a professional staff member from Congressman Dave Reichert's office visited our organization/project for the purposes of reviewing our request for federal funding.

PROJECT NAME: Strande Rail Project

DATE OF CONGRESSIONAL VISIT: 3.31.09

NAME OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Suzanne Dale Estey

TITLE OF PERSON CERTIFYING: Economic Development Director

LEGAL NAME OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: City of Renton

LEGAL ADDRESS OF ENTITY MAKING REQUEST: 1055 S. Grady Wy - Renton, WA

SIGNATURE: Suzanne Dale Estey DATE: 3/31/09 98057

MEMBER/CONGRESSIONAL STAFF MEMBER: Gwen Fraser

SIGNATURE: Gwen Fraser DATE: 3.31.09

City of Renton - SW 27th Street/Strander Project Rail Realignment Phase

Finance Plan

Revenues	Wetland Credits	Design	Construction	Match Required
Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board	\$ 4,000,000	448,000	3,552,000	No
WSDOT Regional Mobility Grant	\$ 1,000,000	100,000	900,000	70%
Sound Transit	\$ 2,300,000		2,300,000	No
SAFETEA-LU (suballocated PSRC)	\$ 4,600,000		4,600,000	13.50%
SAFETEA-LU (high priority project)	\$ 630,000	630,000		No
Federal Discretionary STP	\$ 940,000	940,000		13.50%
Cities of Renton & Tukwila	\$ 641,000			NA
2010 Appropriations Request	\$ 2,000,000			
Totals	\$ 16,111,000	\$ 448,000	\$ 11,352,000	

FY2010 APPROPRIATIONS REQUEST FORM

REPRESENTATIVE DAVE REICHERT (WA-08)

(ONE project/program per form)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Organization making request:
City of Renton, WA

Federal Tax Status: (i.e. 501(c)3)

Address: 1055 South Grady Way

City: Renton

State:
WA

ZIP Code: 98055

Point of Contact(POC): Suzanne Dale Estey

Phone: 425-430-6591

Email: sdaleestey@rentonwa.gov

Address: 1055 South Grady Way

City: Renton

State: WA

ZIP Code: 98055

DC Representation (if any): Justin LeBlanc, Petrizzo Strategic Group

Phone: 202-213-4131

Email: jleblanc@petrizzostrategic.com

Address: 601 13th St. NW Suite 430N

City: Washington

State: DC

ZIP Code: 2005

PROJECT/PROGRAM INFORMATION

PROJECT TITLE: SW 27th Street/Strander Project Rail Realignment Phase Renton/Tukwila, WA

Prioritized: 1 of 1 total requests for your organization

Appropriations Bill: (Please check)

☐ Agriculture

☐ Commerce, Justice, Science

☐ Defense

☐ Energy and Water

☐ Interior and Environment

☐ State, Foreign Operations

☐ Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education

☐ Military Construction, Veterans' Administration

☐ Homeland Security

☒ Transportation, Housing and Urban Development

☐ Financial Services

☐ Legislative Branch

Agency/Bureau (i.e. FBI; Corps of Engineers; US Navy; ARS, etc.): DOT

Account (i.e. Buildings and Facilities, Aviation Safety; Capital Improvements, etc):
FHWA or FRA

Amount requested for FY2010: \$2 million

Total cost of project: \$16 million

Minimum amount of FY2010 funding needed to begin or sustain this project: \$2 million

Is this program authorized? N/A ☐ YES
☐ NO

If YES, bill number:

Year:

Is this program funded in the President's FY10 budget request? ☐ YES ☐ NO N/A

If YES, amount: \$

Anticipated total future requests: \$35 million

Over the next 6-8 years

Local, state and/or private funding sources:

Freight Mobility Strategic Investment Board (FMSIB) \$4 million

WSDOT Mobility \$1 million

City of Renton & City of Tukwila \$0.641 million

Sound Transit \$2.3 million

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Total Amount: \$ 7.941 million

Already received

Other sources of Federal funding:

SAFETEA-LU (suballocated PSRC)

\$4.6 million

SAFETEA-LU High Priority Project

\$0.63 million

Federal Discretionary STP

\$0.94 million

Total Amount: \$6.17 million

Already received

Federal Agency Sponsor or Program Manager: DOT

Office:

Phone Number:

Other agency advocate (if any):

Office:

Phone Number:

Are you requesting this through any other office(s):

If yes, which office(s): Murray, Cantwell, Smith

PROJECT FUNDING HISTORY (FROM CURRENT YEAR BACKWARD)

FISCAL YEAR	PRESIDENT'S REQUEST	ORGANIZATION'S REQUEST	FUNDING AMOUNT	APPROPRIATIONS BILL	ACCOUNT, SUBACCOUNT
2006		X	\$94,420	STP(N)	
FFY2005		X	\$737,900	Discretionary	
2005		X	\$626,400	SAFETEA-LU	

Executive Summary/Project Description (MAXIMUM 200 Words):

- Please include a discussion of the project's merits, relevance, eligibility, and why it is a valuable use of taxpayer funds.
- Please limit your description to 200 words.
- You may attach additional information, however, please understand that the description provided below will be used for any and all public disclosure requirements.

The Railroad Realignment Phase of the SW 27th Street/Strander Project will construct a new railroad embankment and realign the Union Pacific railroad tracks to run immediately adjacent to existing BNSF railroad tracks that are now used by BNSF, Sound Transit's Sounder commuter trains, and Amtrak. By realigning the UP tracks, an existing parcel long-slanted for Transit Oriented Development and publicly owned by Sound Transit, will become much more developable since the parcel will be adjacent to the railroad tracks as opposed to in-between the BNSF and UP tracks. Furthermore, the realignment of the UP tracks will ultimately save the State and cities of Tukwila and Renton at least \$8 million in project costs associated with development of the larger related SW 27th Street/Strander Boulevard Connection Project since that project can proceed as one overpass over a parallel double set of tracks as opposed to two overpasses over two sets of tracks separated by a distance of approximately a quarter of a mile.

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Justification of funding:

- How does this request fit within the identified bill and account (cite specific precedents and overall purpose of account)?
- How many jobs could this project create and how will it benefit Washington's 8th Congressional District?

To promote transit oriented development and job creation where 25,000 -34,000 jobs are estimated to be located in 2030, address significant safety issues associated with pedestrians and commuters currently having to cross two sets of railroad tracks, remove 55,000 vehicles from I-405 and SR-167, eliminate 40% of traffic congestion on South 180th, increase use of Sounder Commuter rail, Amtrak, and other mass transit modes, save \$8 million in construction costs, and improve air quality.

This funding request seeks \$2 million in federal funding which will be combined with \$14 million in previously committed or secured federal, state and local funds.

In addition to the construction and related service jobs created or sustained by this funding, this project will also greatly enhance the potential development of a transit oriented development adjacent to this site, creating more construction jobs, and eventual retail jobs that would be created when the mixed-use commercial/residential TOD project is completed.

The SW 27th Street/Strander Railroad Realignment Project is surrounded by significant major employers. It is adjacent to The Boeing Company's Longacres Industrial Park, where Boeing Commercial Airplanes is headquartered, and where there are approximately 10,000 jobs. Immediately adjacent to SW 27th Street in Renton and in close proximity to the project is the new Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco's Seattle bank headquarters. This 10-acre, 100,000 square foot development is employing approximately 100 people. Also, the Federal Aviation Administration regional offices are located nearby. Future (year 2030) employment totals for this area are estimated to be between 25,655 and 34,538, so this new east/west connection is critical to the future development in the area.

Specific language proposed for Congressman's request to the subcommittee (if any):

(ONE project/program per form)

Safety:

This project enhances the environment by facilitating traffic movement, reducing vehicle miles traveled on I-405, and encouraging the development of Transit Oriented Development.

SW 27TH ST. / STRANDER BLVD. CONNECTION

"SW 27TH ST. Connection"
Completed 2006

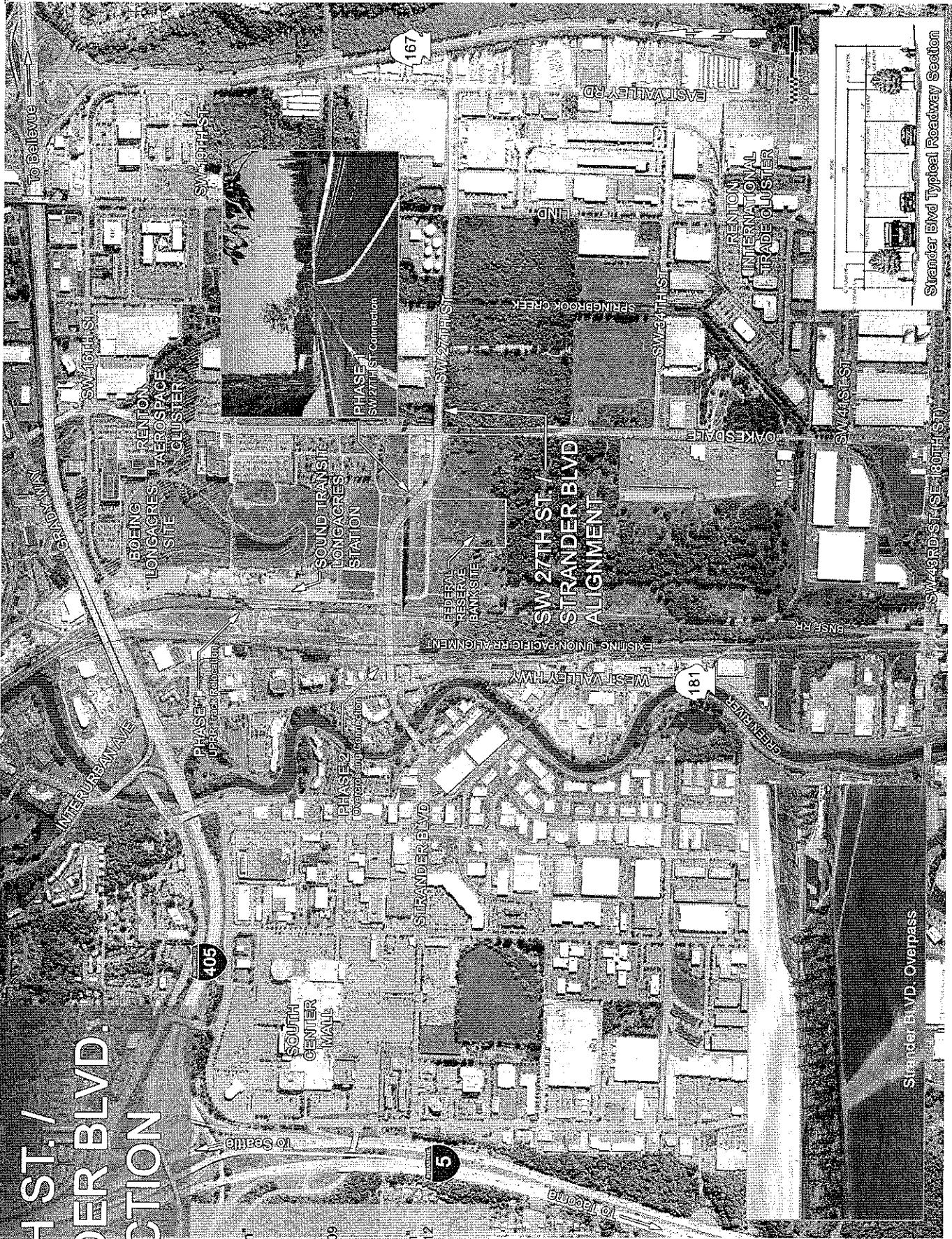
"UPRR Track Relocation"
Begin Construction 2008-2009

"Overcrossing Connection"
Begin Construction 2010-2012

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BNSF



Strander Blvd Typical Roadway Section